



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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### **County Executive to Kickoff Preschool Block Party Hands-On Learning at Blasco Library**

Erie, PA – Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper invites the media, parents, caregivers, and children to attend the Preschool Block Party on Saturday, February 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Blasco Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street.

The Erie County Public Library received materials from the Office of the Commonwealth Libraries to implement a series of Block Play Parties for young children and their caregivers. Blocks offer innumerable opportunities for children to express themselves.

“Engaging the minds of our children is critical during the early stages of development. Playing with blocks introduces STEAM concepts to the mind of a child, while they are simultaneously having fun,” said County Executive Dahlkemper.

Research shows that block play enhances the development of social studies, mathematics, science, and art skills in young children. Navigating through stages while playing, they think critically and creatively in their building with blocks.

This is the first of two sessions held at Blasco Memorial Library. The second Block Party will be held on Saturday, March 19. The events are free and open to the public.

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